Investment in VSP

8441. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has proved less than productive and profitable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plant-is already using outdated steel making machinery; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to eassess the investments made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SON-TOiH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir- In ail capital intensive industries due to normal ong gestation periods, cumulative losses do occur whenh are recovered over a period of time. The Company has made a cash profit of Rs. 55 crores (pro-visional) during the year 1994-95 i.e. the third year of integrated opera tic and is expected to make a net pr fit by 1997-987"

(b) and (c) No, Sir. VSP has im-pldmented the' State-of-the-Art tech-nwiogy *in* steel making and it has all the latest contemporary technologies instalted.

Transfer of manpower to steel eountales

8443. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: will the Minister of STEEL bepleas-ed to state:

(a) whether Government have advised-steel companies to transfer exeess manpower from one steel company to another;

(b) it so. the reaction of steel compantes therero:

(a) whether *steel* companies have identified thein respective labour compositions; and

(d) if so, the- details of surplus and the deficits of labour in each public sector steel undertaking respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SON-TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government have not advised steel producing companies to transfer" excess manpower from one steel company to another.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant does not have surplus manpower. Considering international norms and labour productivity of steel industry in developed countries, Steel Authority or India Limited does not have surplus manpower. However, exact number and composition of surplus manpower would depend on work practices, process, technology and Annual Production Plan, etc. Rationalisa-tion of manpower utilisation through proper planning, retraining of existing manpower and their redeployment in new areas of requirement due to modernisation, etc. have been taken up. Effort has also been made to achieve higher production without" adding manpower so as to improve productivity.

Awards of contracts by CPWD

8443. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AF FAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contracts which have been awarded by the CPWD, Sriniwas Puri. R. K. Puram sectOr-wise and Albert Square, New Delhi from April. 1994 to March- 1995, centre-wise;

(b) what is the nature of work assigned alongwith the amount allocated, work-wise;